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**RE: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION FOR
APPLICATION 09/923311**

Dear Sir,

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For your necessary action and merry christmas.

Thank you

Yours truly,

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Application number: 09/923,311

Art Unit: 1762

Applicant: Khai Hee Kwan

Examiner: Alain L Bashore.

Title: A computer network method for conducting payment over a network by debiting and crediting utilities accounts

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION ('RCE')

We respectfully ask the examiner to consider our RCE herein attached. We have made amendments to our claims as shown below under the heading "CLAIMS".

REMARKS IN CONNECTION TO FINAL REJECTION MAILED OCT 13 2005

In various tele-conversation with the examiner, applicant has raised the issue that our definition of utility should be limited to what is found in our specification and which is now incorporated in the claims. Previously, the examiner had suggested that even a road toll could be considered as utility. (See Final Rejection Letter mailed 10-13-05 at page 7)

We do not agree with the Examiner's assertion and even if a road toll could be counted as utility, the prior art teaches using a telephone account to pay a toll and not as in our claimed invention where the 'toll' account is used for making payment to another. It is the function of the specification, not the claims, to set forth the "practical limits of operation" of an invention. *In re Rainer*, 49 CCPA 1243, 1248, 305 F.2d 505, 509, 134 USPQ 343, 346 (1962). One does not look to claims to find out how to practice the invention they define, but to the specification. *In re Roberts*, 470 F.2d 1399, 1403, 176 USPQ 313, 315 (CCPA 1973); *In re Fuettnerer*, 50 CCPA 1453, 319 F.2d 259, 138 USPQ 217 (1963). In this instance case, the definition of utilities in this application are provided